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To the editor:

This Sunday March 26, 2006 has been declared by the governor as "Support Our Troops Day" in Michigan.

As we recognize the sacrifice of so many brave Michiganians and their families on this day, let us remember the challenges that they and their loved ones face every day.

Often asked to serve in far away lands, leaving behind spouses and children, fathers and mothers, family and friends, our nation's men and women in uniform are separated from loved ones to defend the way of life they want them to have.

In honor of "Support Our Troops Day" let us remember our troops in our thoughts and prayers and comfort their families with a warm smile and a helping hand.

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.americasupportsyou.mil.

May God bless and watch over the brave Michigan men and women of our nation's armed forces who secure our freedom.

Senator Laura M. Toy, 6th District
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